

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by TAKAHASHI et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

The claimed invention is directed to improving character control when a line of sight changes. Each of the claims recites correcting an input direction, moving a character in the corrected direction, and storing the corrected direction (i.e., progress direction). The claims also recite determining whether an identical direction is input continuously and, if so, moving the character in the same direction regardless of a change of the line of sight. TAKAHASHI et al. fail to show each of the claim limitations mentioned above.

TAKAHASHI et al. is directed to viewpoint adjustment, and not character control. In fact, col. 12, lines 51 - 60 discuss using the line of sight to indicate a direction in which the character should be facing to improve the control of the character. That is, TAKAHASHI et al. line up the view point to ease character control because TAKAHASHI et al. do not correct the input direction, as claimed. Moreover, TAKAHASHI et al. do not discuss moving a character in the same direction, based on a continuous identical user input, even when the line of sight changes. Thus, for at least these reasons it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw all of the outstanding rejections and provide an indication of the allowability of all of the pending claims.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Reply, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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